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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Sturm et al.	Examiner:	Fristoe, John
Serial No.:	10/074,486	Group Art Unit:	3754
Filed:	February 12, 2002	Docket No.:	13871.1-US-01
Title:	FLUID DISPENSING AND STORAGE SYSTEM WITH A DRINK VALVE		

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Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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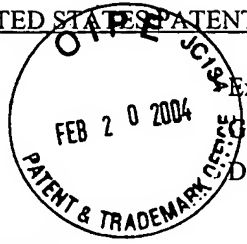
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- ☒ Request for Extension of Time for 2 month(s) and fee of \$420.00
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims								
6	-	20	=	0	x	18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent Claims								
4	-	3	=	1	x	86.00	=	\$86.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE								\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								86.00

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